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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

FROM : Clifford D. May, Jr
Director of Data Processing

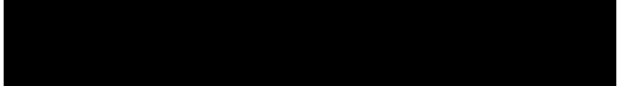
SUBJECT : Feasibility Study for Automating
the GEHA Operation

REFERENCE : Memo same Subj., dtd 31 May 1977,
Fr: D/OP.

1. This memorandum is an interim reply to the reference, wherein the Office of Personnel (OP) requested that the Office of Data Processing (ODP) present a Feasibility Study for the automation of Government Employees Health Association (GEHA) operations.

2. Representatives of OP and ODP have defined the technical requirements of the project and it is clear that all requirements can be satisfied by either a minicomputer or by the mainframe computers located in the computer center. It is also clear that the minicomputer would offer better availability and response than the central system, but at an increased cost. ODP is in the process of finalizing policy concerning minicomputer procurement, standardization, management and control. The trade offs between minicomputer and mainframe systems cannot be quantified until this policy is determined. Policy and direction will be available in the near future, and a proposal will be available at that time. The proposal will present a synopsis of the current system, problems, requirements, design consideration, alternatives, advantages and disadvantages of each alternative, cost estimates, and a ODP recommendation for system selection.

3. The proposal is targeted to be available during January. In the meantime representatives of our office are continuing meetings with OP representatives to discuss and resolve system interface issues. STATINTL


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Data Processing

FROM : F. W. M. Janney
Director of Personnel

SUBJECT : Feasibility Study for Automating
the GEHA Operation

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1. A system is being designed to automate the Government Employees Health Association (GEHA) operations. Much of the system design and related planning has been completed as the PERINSUR Project which would use Office of Data Processing hardware and GIMS II software.

2. The Audit Staff has recently completed a GEHA Audit and included as a recommendation that a feasibility study for automation of GEHA operations be prepared. Items to be considered are computer costs, the advantages and disadvantages of using ODP resources, including GIMS II software, the advantages and disadvantages of a minicomputer system, and finally, the impact that either system would have on GEHA operations in terms of efficiency and economy. Attached is a copy of an Audit Staff memorandum containing additional details on the Project.

3. It is requested that ODP conduct a feasibility study for automating GEHA operations.

(Signed) F. W. M. Janney

F. W. M. Janney

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P&C, has expressed a desire to see the attached interim reply for the PERHOSP/Insurance Project. [redacted] feels the reply will take some heat off of him by Mr. Janney on project status. The request came through a routine meeting between Messrs [redacted] (C/Control Division/OP), and [redacted] concerning project status.